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Letter dated 5 September 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to draw your attention to the statement on Daw Aung San Suu Kyi issued on 5 September 2003 by the President of the European Union on behalf of the European Union (see annex).

I should be grateful if the text of this letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Statement on Daw Aung San Suu Kyi issued on 5 September 2003 by the President of the European Union on behalf of the European Union

The European Union notes with grave concern the reports that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi may have started a hunger strike.

The European Union holds the view that the best way for the Government of Burma/Myanmar to dismiss these reports is to proceed immediately to her release and grant access to the European Union Ambassadors or to representatives of internationally recognized organizations.

The European Union considers the Government of Burma/Myanmar to be responsible for the health and welfare of all political prisoners.

The acceding countries Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, the associated countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey and the EFTA countries members of the European Economic Area align themselves with this statement.